

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### HONORING DANIEL JUNIOR

#### HON. FEDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 20, 2022*

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Daniel Junior for his stellar and philanthropic contributions to the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project.

Frederick Douglass once said "it is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men." I thank Daniel Junior so much for believing in our mission of interrupting the school to prison pipeline and to guiding our young boys along a cheerfully charted path and sending them to college. He is investing in the children of our community, and they will be the benefactors of his investment for generations to come. He will always be a part of us, and we will always be a part of him. I thank him for all he does on behalf of our children.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Daniel Junior, a 2023 Role Model Wall Man with a generous philanthropic spirit and I ask my colleagues from the 117th Congress to join me in honoring this special circle of brotherhood.

### HOMETOWN HERO—AURELIE MIGAUT

#### HON. BETH VAN DUYN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 20, 2022*

Ms. VAN DUYN. I rise today to recognize Aurelie Migault, a Coppell native and West Point Swimmer who was recently named USAA Athlete of the Week.

Aurelie made her community proud by attending our nation's prestigious military academy. Her dedication to service and love for country is a testament to the kind of young woman Aurelie is.

Just last week, she made us immensely proud once again by breaking two West Point Academy records in the 100 and 200 meter breaststroke, making her a USAA Athlete of the Week.

I'd like to thank Aurelie for her commitment to our country at West Point and for representing North Texas in sport with her exemplary talent. I look forward to seeing many more achievements from Aurelie both in and out of the pool.

### HONORING DON CHRISTOPHER

#### HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 20, 2022*

Ms. LOFGREN. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the many contributions of Don

Christopher to our Gilroy community. Don passed away on Monday, December 12, 2022, at age 88, surrounded by his family. This loss is deeply felt across our community.

Don Christopher was born into a prune-farming family in San Jose in 1934. According to Mercury News archives, Ole Christopher had emigrated from Denmark, purchased 15 acres in South San Jose, and planted his first trees in 1896. The orchard expanded to hundreds of acres over the decades, and family members eventually sold their land in the 1950s to IBM for its facility.

Don attended Oak Grove Grammar School, Live Oak High School, and San Jose State University. In 1956, after receiving a gift of acreage, he founded the Christopher Ranch company. He planted lima beans, sugar beets, and 10 acres of garlic. From these beginnings, Christopher Ranch, while always remaining a family operation, evolved to become the nation's largest garlic processor. Although Christopher Ranch now grows garlic throughout California, all of it is processed in Gilroy. The company is the largest private employer in Gilroy.

Don and Christopher Ranch were instrumental in creating our renowned Gilroy Garlic Festival. In 1979, a handful of volunteers, including Don, staged a festival celebrating garlic with the goal of raising money for charity. They expected several thousand people from the surrounding communities. This turned out to be an underestimation: 15,000 people attended the first Gilroy Garlic Festival. The festival became a momentous, three-day event. It drew visitors from around the world annually from 1979 to 2019.

Don Christopher's hard work turned Gilroy into the Garlic Capital of the World. He also contributed extensively to our community, including the Gilroy Unified School District, through philanthropy. I first met Don in the 1980s when he built a child development center at his expense and opened it for the benefit of the children of his employees. Don was someone who cared about others. He was generous and devoted to his family, his employees, and his community.

Madam Speaker, it is a privilege to recognize and commend Don Christopher for his awe-inspiring achievements. His legacy will endure for generations. We miss him greatly.

### HONORING DALE JOHNSON

#### HON. FEDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 20, 2022*

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dale Johnson for his stellar and philanthropic contributions to the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project.

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to prison pipeline and to guiding our young boys along a cheerfully charted path and sending them to college. He is investing in the children of our community, and they will be the benefactors of his investment for generations to come. He will always be a part of us, and we will always be a part of him. I thank him for all that he does on behalf of our children.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Dale Johnson, a 2023 Role Model Wall Man with a generous philanthropic spirit and I ask my colleagues from the 117th Congress to join me in honoring this special circle of brotherhood.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 20, 2022*

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, I was unable to attend votes on December 15, 2022. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Rollcall No. 529, and NAY on Rollcall No. 530.

### RECOGNIZING BISHOP LARRY MACK

#### HON. RASHIDA TLAI

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 20, 2022*

Ms. TLAI. Madam Speaker, today, I want to recognize Bishop Larry Mack of Greater Dreams Church in the City of Wayne in Michigan's 13th District Strong, as he celebrates his 15 years of service in faith.

Bishop Mack has ministered to thousands of individuals as a faithful servant to his flock. He has provided a safe haven for downtrodden and weary souls, encouraging them through inspired teaching and support in faith. He has also served as a role model and mentor to youth, adults and senior citizens, leading them in ministry. Over the past 15 years, Bishop Mack has helped grow his family in faith and now hosts 5 television programs on TCT (Total Christian Television Network), reaching 172 nations and more than 73 million people.

Bishop Mack's work extends to community service. He has launched the Brown Bag Lunch Program (TEFAP) to assist individuals which provides nourishment and sustenance for those in need. He has established several auxiliary ministry branches to nourish GDC congregants including: GDC Sisterhood, V Youth, GDC Dance Troup, Alter Ministry, GDC Worship, Greater Men, Hospitality and Greeters, GDC Kids and Keepers of the House. Further, he co-founded The Redeemed International Gospel Assembly (TRIGA) comprised of hundreds of churches, ministering the grace of God and the Good News of the Gospel to untold thousands of individuals and families.

Please join me in celebrating Bishop Larry Mack for 15 years of service to Greater

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Dreams Church and the people of Michigan's 13th District Strong.

HONORING ED HAYNES

**HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ed Haynes for his stellar and philanthropic contributions to the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project.

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HONORING DAMON CONNOLLY

**HON. JARED HUFFMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 20, 2022*

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Damon Connolly upon his retirement from the Marin County Board of Supervisors as District One's dedicated Supervisor for 8 years.

A Bay Area native and 25-year resident of San Rafael, Damon is a champion for important community issues from environmental conservation and renewable energy to affordable housing and public infrastructure. A founding board member of Marin Clean Energy, one of the state's first community green-energy providers, Damon has worked with firm commitment to reduce Marin County's environmental footprint, attain 100 percent renewable energy independence, and improve public infrastructure for cyclists and pedestrians. With an ear always turned to the thoughts and concerns of San Rafael residents, Damon developed a reputation for his open-door policy and yearly commitment to personally going car-free to test the efficacy of the transit system.

Drawing on his prior tenures on the Dixie School Board of Education and San Rafael City Council, Damon was willing to confront controversial issues and manage conflicting priorities, including spearheading the preservation of open space, such as Silveira Ranch, while advocating for more affordable housing.

Damon served as President of the Board of Supervisors in 2018 and more recently, on the board of directors for the Marin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Marin County Housing Authority, Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit (SMART), and Marin County Open Space District. He is also the former

President of the Workforce Alliance of the Noah Bay, Chair of Marin Transit, and Marin's representative on the Metropolitan Transpollution Commission.

Madam Speaker, Damon Connolly's commitment to the community has been, and will continue to be, productive and enduring. I respectfully ask that you join me and the Board of Supervisors in extending to Damon gratitude for his two terms on the Marin County Board of Supervisors, and best wishes as he continues to represent Marin as a California State Assemblymember.

**HOMETOWN HERO—NORTH TEXAS  
FULBRIGHT SCHOLARS**

**HON. BETH VAN DUYN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 20, 2022*

Ms. VAN DUYN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize 22 North Texans who have gone above and beyond representing our country—and our community—around the world as Fulbright scholars.

These North Texas leaders were hand-picked for the highly prestigious Fulbright Program based on their exemplary merit:

Anastasia Badillo, Madisen Caster, Saltanat Childress, Christine Cho, Rahul Dadwani, Katherine Dau, Susannah Dibble, Cristina Flores Rodriguez, Pablo Gonzales, Dimitar Grantcharov, Apurva Gunturu, Jon Paul Heyne, Gretta Hotz, Shirin Khakoo, Courtney Kobos, Josiah Lindquist, Connor Mitchell, Kathleen Painter, Elizabeth Parker, Jose Ma Rios, Nikitha Vicas, and Joshua Yudkin.

Through international educational exchange, they forged lasting relations between the United States and fifteen countries across the globe.

I am immensely proud to represent such active and determined scholars, peacekeepers, and American heroes. I look forward to seeing the positive results of their hard work abroad.

HONORING DEPUTY CHIEF  
TIMOTHY BELCHER

**HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 20, 2022*

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Deputy Chief Timothy Belcher for his stellar and philanthropic contributions to the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project.

Frederick Douglas once said, "it is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men." I thank Deputy Chief Timothy Belcher so much for believing in our mission of interrupting the school to prison pipeline and to guiding our young boys along a cheerfully charted path and sending them to college. He is investing in the children of our community, and they will be the benefactors of his investment for generations to come. He will always be a part of us, and we will always be a part of him. I thank him for all that he does on behalf of our children.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Deputy Chief Timothy Belcher, a 2023 Role

Model Wall Man with a generous philanthropic spirit, and I ask my colleagues from the 117th Congress to join me in honoring this special circle of brotherhood.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF  
BRITT VAN

**HON. JAMES A. HIMES**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 20, 2022*

Mr. HIMES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of Britt Van, a dedicated staffer for the New Democrat Coalition.

Britt departs the Coalition this month after working for more than five and a half years providing Coalition Members and staff with countless hours of policy advice and recommendations. I am especially honored to have worked with Britt, considering she is from my congressional district. It was a delight to have a constituent serve in an important policy staffer role while I was Chair of the Coalition in the 115th Congress.

During my term as chair, the Coalition established a task force to examine the evolving nature of work. Britt was instrumental in this process, and in developing our Economic Opportunity Agenda, which laid out our Coalition's policy priorities to ensure that American workers were prepared for the jobs of the future. Britt was the lead staffer on this agenda, developing and coordinating our work with New Dem offices, think tanks, and outside stakeholders. Without Britt, our agenda that focused on creating a future that works for all would not have been possible.

Britt was also critical in spearheading our policy efforts related to international trade. Anybody who has gotten to know Britt knows that she is a staunch defender of the importance of American leadership in the global market. She continued to carry the mantle on trade issues with our next two Chairs and cemented the Coalition's leadership on these issues.

Madam Speaker. I thank Britt Van for all of her work for the New Democrat Coalition. All of our Members have benefited tremendously from her policy knowledge and commitment to the job. Britt will be dearly missed by the Coalition, and I wish her all of the best.

COMMENDING DR. CHRISTA MARTIN FOR HER SELFLESS SERVICE TO HER COMMUNITY AND THE GREAT STATE OF TENNESSEE

**HON. MARK E. GREEN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 20, 2022*

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and accomplishments of Dr. Christa Martin of Columbia, Tennessee.

Christa Martin exemplifies the volunteer spirit. She was born and raised in Maury County and continues to serve the community she cherishes so deeply. Growing up on a farm instilled in Dr. Martin the three main focuses of her life: education, public service,

and faith. Through her humble beginnings, Dr. Martin said she learned from her surroundings, “the farm . . . and the road . . . and the community,” and believes, “you didn’t have to have letters behind your name to be educated.”

Through various chapters of learning, Dr. Martin has never stalled in her intellectual journey. She graduated from Columbia State Community College in 1975 with a degree in data processing. A year later, she received a Master of Science in Computer Information Systems from Middle Tennessee State University. She then received a doctorate of Higher Educational Leadership from Nova Southeastern University.

Dr. Martin not only earned her degrees from these institutions, but also chose to give back. From 1979 to 2003, she worked in the Computer Science department at Columbia State Community College. Since 2003, Dr. Martin has worked in a promoted role as an Assistant to the President, specializing in Access and Diversity.

Dr. Martin has also served her community well. She served on the Columbia City Council for over 30 years and is finishing her last term as the Vice Mayor of Columbia, where she is the first African American female to hold that position. Dr. Martin also serves on the Board of Directors for Columbia Power & Water, Blood Assurance, and Public Entity Partners. She serves non-profit organizations such as the Boys & Girls Club of South-Central Tennessee, Columbia Miracle League, Maury County NAACP, and many more.

Dr. Martin continues to be involved at New Smyrna Cumberland Presbyterian Church as a teacher, missionary, clerk, elder, and choir member.

Dr. Martin is a pillar of the community who is dedicated to leaving it a better place than she found it. Her life shows how passion and commitment can create a causal chain that benefits whole cities, counties, and, indeed, the state. I ask my colleagues to join me in acknowledging this great American’s unwavering devotion towards education, her community, and her faith.

#### HONORING SENATOR SHEVRIN JONES

#### HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 20, 2022*

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Senator Shevrin Jones for his stellar and philanthropic contributions to the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project.

Frederick Douglass once said, “it is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men.” I thank Shevrin Jones so much for believing in our mission of interrupting the school to prison pipeline and to guiding our young boys along a cheerfully charted path and sending them to college. He is investing in the children of our community, and they will be the benefactors of his investment for generations to come. He will always be a part of us, and we will always be a part of him. I thank him for all that he does on behalf of our children.

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#### SUPPORTING THE JOYCE/CARSON AMENDMENT TO THE KENNETH MEISEL PUBLIC SERVANTS CLAIMANT FAIRNESS ACT OF 2022, SECTION 5302 OF THE NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT, FY2023

#### HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 20, 2022*

Mr. CARSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 3050, the Kenneth Meisel Public Servants Claimant Fairness Act of 2022, and the Joyce/Carson amendment, included as Section 5305 of this year’s National Defense Authorization Act. Our bipartisan amendment added the language of our bill, the Kenneth Meisel Public Servants’ Claimant Fairness Act. This important change will increase the time, from 30 days to 60 days, that federal employees have to provide supporting documentation to the Office of Workers’ Compensation Programs to support their occupational illness, traumatic injury, or death claim. I am proud that this language was included in the National Defense Authorization Act of 2023, which has passed both the House and Senate, and is now awaiting President Biden’s signature.

I would like to also recognize Kenneth Meisel, for whom this bill was named. Kenneth Meisel was an air marshal stationed in Minneapolis. He unfortunately passed away too soon as a result of COVID-19. This bill will ensure that spouses, like Julie Meisel who are left behind, have ample time to complete basic forms required to obtain government benefits. This bill not only honors Ken, but all public servants who are injured in the line of duty. This bill bears the name of a hero who served this country for his entire adult life, and who steadfastly remained on watch while others sheltered at home.

This is very important because public servants like firefighters, and those who work in construction and manufacturing, have a much higher rate of cancer than the general public, and this amendment to the Federal Employees Compensation Act will reduce an unnecessary burden on public servants to access benefits they are entitled to claim.

Madam Speaker, I would also like to submit for the RECORD Mr. Meisel’s obituary as published in the Star Tribune:

Ever since he was 18 years old, Kenneth Meisel was driven to protect and serve.

First he was a U.S. Army paratrooper, then a police officer in Oklahoma and finally a senior federal air marshal stationed in Minneapolis.

With his wife, Julie, he cared for rescue horses on a 20-acre ranch in Princeton, Minn., and looked forward to retiring in two years and being a full-time grandpa, his children said.

But on Sept. 9, Meisel called his son Ryan of Baraboo, Wis., to tell him he was having trouble breathing and was going to the hospital. It was the last time they spoke. Meisel died Sept. 24 of COVID-19. He was 55.

At a memorial service this month, his daughter Amanda Moldenhauer of Ramsey

spoke of a man with the heart of a cowboy and the soul of an Amish rancher—all within “the shell of a true American hero badass,” she said.

Meisel grew up in Sauk City, Wis., and entered the Army in 1984.

He served in Iraq and Afghanistan, but Ryan, born while his dad was in the military, suspected there were other hot spots, too, given the elder Meisel also served in a NATO rapid deployment force based in Italy. As a kid, Ryan would point at a map and ask his dad if he’d been here or there.

“He’d say, ‘I can’t tell you that,’” Ryan said.

Meisel later was a police officer in Shawnee, Okla., and began work as a federal air marshal in Dallas in 2002. As of 2019, he had flown more than 5 million miles, the Transportation Security Administration said.

In 2009, Meisel transferred to the Minneapolis field office and, along with Julie, fulfilled the dream of owning a ranch. The couple cared not only for horses, but also for goats, pigs, cats and chickens—you name it, said son Eric Lewis of Elk River. But Kenneth Meisel drew the line at a capybara.

At work, Meisel did all he could to “stop the bad guys,” but even then was kind and soft-spoken, Ryan said. At the ranch, he was a cowboy down to the Stetson hat. Just as memorable were his bear hugs, his children said.

During that last phone call, Ryan said he couldn’t tell if his dad was worried. But his dad did tell him he was proud of him, and gave a directive: “Take care of my grandson and my daughter-in-law.”

Other survivors include daughters Abigail Carnahan of Elk River and Jacquelyn Glaros of Plymouth; brothers Mike Fleck of Spooner, Wis., Kevin Meisel of Virginia Beach, Va., Kurt Meisel of Reedsburg, Wis., and Karl Meisel of Colorado Springs; sister Ashley Meisel of Baraboo; and five grandchildren.

#### RECOGNIZING THE OLD ASTORIA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION ARTS DISTRICT

#### HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 20, 2022*

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Old Astoria Neighborhood Association (OANA) in support of their efforts to create a dedicated arts district located along the waterfront in Astoria, New York. OANA, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization founded in 2014 by President Richard Khuzami, has displayed a long-lasting commitment to the community and promotes quality of life, economic growth, and culture throughout Astoria.

The Astoria Waterfront Arts District (AWAD) proposed by OANA would stretch from Astoria Boulevard south to Rainey Park along the waterfront, housing hundreds of graffiti artists, abstract painters, sculptors, muralists, and many more who contribute to the landscape of the community. The district would be the second arts district established in Astoria following the creation of the Kaufman Arts District in 2014. It would aim to showcase artwork by many of the world’s most highly recognized artists and sculptors in addition to hundreds of works by community artists. The district would encompass many cultural institutions in Western Queens, among which are the Socrates

Sculpture Park, the Noguchi Museum, and the Welling Court Mural Project.

Socrates Sculpture Park, established in 1986 by the artist Mark di Suvero with other artists and community members, is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to supporting artists in the production and presentation of contemporary public art. The park serves as both an internationally renowned outdoor exhibition space and studio program as well as a neighborhood park that offers a wide variety of free community events, programs, and services. Socrates Sculpture Park offers an extensive roster of inclusive public and educational programming for individuals of all ages, supporting life-long learning through an engagement with all and the natural landscape of the Park.

The Noguchi Museum, founded in 1985 by category-defying artist Isamu Noguchi and chartered as The Isamu Noguchi Foundation and Garden Museum, was the first museum in the United States to be established, designed, and installed by a living artist to show their own work. Located in Long Island City, Queens, the Museum itself is widely viewed as among the artist's greatest achievements. The Museum today remains a place for the exploration of individual artistic endeavor and creative collaboration through exposure to Noguchi's wide-ranging practice. Through an active exhibition and public programming schedule, coupled with ongoing education, preservation, and research projects, the Museum continues to illuminate the enduring influence of Noguchi in dialogue with contemporary culture.

The Welling Court Mural Project began in 2009 when the organization Ad Hoc Art was invited by the community of Welling Court to add to the aesthetics of their neighborhood. The first project debuted in May 2010 with over 44 murals, fitting for the diverse and lively inhabitants. Each year since, spectacular crews of legendary and groundbreaking artists have come together to transform the neighborhood into a creative celebration and public art experience. Now featuring over 150 murals painted by artists from all corners of the globe, the Welling Court Mural Project is regarded as one of the leading collections of contemporary graffiti and street art.

OANA is a firm believer that the art presented by these cultural institutions not only unifies the local community, but also attracts individuals from different parts of the world who travel to Astoria to observe and expand on the district's works. The location is easily accessible to all New Yorkers thanks to the centrally located Astoria Ferry Landing. Additionally, the AWAD is located close to the New York City Housing Authority Astoria Houses campus and would connect residents with more artistic programming.

Diversity is the banner of the cultural institutions that define the AWAD. Art is presented in differentiating forms by individuals who interpret the world through distinct feelings, opinions, views, and perceptions. As the local population expands, the neighborhood is experiencing a demographic shift towards greater multiculturalism and ethnic diversity. This shift exposes new generations and cultures to the creative inspirations of different groups and opens a dialogue to build the future of art in New York City.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Old Astoria Neighbor-

hood Association for its dedication to arts and culture throughout Astoria. The Astoria Waterfront Arts District's incorporation into the neighborhood, in consultation with and subject to approval by municipal government entities, would strengthen Astoria's already vibrant culture, support local artists, and be a welcome addition to the artistic community, both throughout the city and our country.

#### HOMETOWN HERO—DON GRAVES

### HON. BETH VAN DUYN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 20, 2022*

Ms. VAN DUYN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an American hero and community leader in North Texas.

Don Graves is a World War II veteran and one of the few remaining men who witnessed the famous scene of the American flag planted on Iwo Jima.

Don endured the horrors of war that February morning 77 years ago, literally shedding blood, sweat, and tears in service to the country he loves. I can only imagine what emotions were raised upon seeing the stars and stripes of our flag being raised above that volcanic island.

Capturing that infamous image in his heart and mind, Don has since taken it to teach and inspire the next generation of Americans. Whether it is sharing his story with students, performing flag ceremonies at local schools, or singing the national anthem in front of 40,000 fans at Texas Rangers games, Don has gone above and beyond to ensure our community in North Texas never forgets the sacrifices of the Greatest Generation.

On behalf of our entire community, I would like to thank Don Graves for his bravery in the face of evil and his continued service to North Texas. I am excited to see how your inspiring life transforms our community.

#### HONORING DWIGHT JACKSON

### HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 20, 2022*

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dwight Jackson for his stellar and philanthropic contributions to the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project.

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#### HONORING W. MICHAEL BYRNE

### HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 20, 2022*

Mr. JORDAN. Madam Speaker, I am honored to commend to the House the memory of W. Michael Byrne, who passed away in the Dominican Republic on October 16 at the age of 99.

Mike Byrne was born in Minot, North Dakota, in 1923. At age 3, his family moved to Port Huron, Michigan, where at age 8 he began working various jobs to help his family during the Great Depression. Drafted into the Army Air Corps in 1943, Mike served as a bombardier/navigator during World War II, rising to the rank of Second Lieutenant.

After the war, Mike was recruited by the Westinghouse Electric Corporation for its small appliance division. His Westinghouse career started in Mansfield, Ohio, where he met the woman who would become his wife of 64 years, Lois.

Mike quickly rose through the ranks at Westinghouse, ultimately becoming national marketing manager, where he oversaw the company's sales and marketing work.

In 1966, Mike started his own company, Michael Byrne Manufacturing, which became a leader in the field of tunneling and augering equipment. His outstanding work led to his induction into the North Central Ohio Industrial Museum as a Champion of Industry.

Mike's dedication to volunteerism and civic duty was a model to all. He served as the first president of the Saint Peter's High School Booster Club and as a member of the Saint Peter's Board of Education. His passion for service to others continued after he and Lois moved to the Dominican Republic, where they helped fund the construction of a primary school in Puerto Plata. They also worked with CitiHope International to create a program to import and distribute much-needed medicine and medical supplies to the poor.

Madam Speaker, Mike is survived by 8 children, 19 grandchildren, and 9 great-grandchildren. On behalf of the people of Ohio's Fourth Congressional District, I offer them my condolences as they remember Mike's extraordinary life and his lifelong devotion to helping those in need.

#### RECOGNIZING THE TEMPLE THEATRE

### HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 20, 2022*

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Temple Theater in Hanford, California.

Built in 1922, the Temple Theater was originally constructed for \$3,500 with the intent to serve as a school for the Chinese community in Hanford. Know originally as the Chinese Center for Knowledge, local children from Hanford's Chinese district would attend additional schooling here to learn about Chinese history, language, and culture. The school would exist from 1922 until the late 1940s.

In 1963, Audrey Leibold and other members of the community formed the Kings Players—

an organization dedicated to promoting community theater in the Central Valley. The only issue was that at that time, Hanford did not have any community theaters that could serve as permanent theater locations. With the temple that housed the Chinese Center for Knowledge now vacant for over a decade, The Kings Players decided to purchase the building and turned it into the Temple Theater—which has served as the group's permanent home ever since.

Whether it be as a school for our local Chinese community or a theatre to promote local art, the building now known as the Temple Theatre has been an integral part of the Hanford community for a hundred years. Today, The Kings Players offer four shows each year at the theatre, bringing the Valley community together through the arts.

I ask all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in celebrating the centennial anniversary of Hanford's Temple Theatre.

#### HONORING JUDY ARNOLD

#### HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 20, 2022*

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Judy Arnold upon her retirement from the Marin County Board of Supervisors as District Five's intrepid Supervisor for sixteen years and to congratulate her on a productive career of extraordinary public service.

Judy was raised in Kansas City, Kansas. She attended Goucher College in Baltimore, Maryland for 2 years and then graduated from the University of Kansas with a degree in International Relations. Following college, Judy launched her career in civic and nonprofit work with 3 years in the Peace Corps. She later assumed the position of Communication and Fund Development for Goodwill Industries of the Redwood Empire and has since served a plethora of government offices, including as Marin County's First Supervisorial Aide to Gary Giacomini, District Coordinator for President pro tempore John Burton, and District Chief of Staff for California State Senator Carole Migden. In 2003, she was elected to the Novato City Council and served for 2 years until she was elected to the Marin County Board of Supervisors, a position she has held for 4 terms.

As Supervisor, Judy made an enduring and positive impact on the quality of life for Marin County's residents. From housing and transportation infrastructure to education and the environment, she delivered for District Five and the extended community. Known as a strong voice for businesses and jobs, one of Judy's numerous accomplishments is the establishment of the Marin Economic Forum, a county-wide public-private partnership focusing on building an equitable and sustainable local economy. Unafraid to break from the majority, Judy has time and again proven that she is willing to listen to conflicting arguments and change her mind to best reflect the views of her constituents.

As a board member of the Golden Gate Bridge District, the Transportation Authority of Marin, Marin Transit, and Sonoma-Marín Area

Rail Transit (SMART), Judy spearheaded successful initiatives to improve county infrastructure and decrease traffic congestion. She is recognized for her leadership in launching the SMART passenger service, which has increased ridership steadily over the years.

Building on her work as Vice President of the League of Women Voters, Judy remains a staunch advocate for equitable housing and education. A legacy for which she is deservedly proud includes adding Education as one of the Board of Supervisors' key priorities. Furthermore, her management of local projects, including preserving the 64-acre Vince Mulroy Memorial Woodland and Wildlife Preserve as County Open Space, building the Stafford Lake Bike Park, and opening the South Novato Library Branch, has made Novato a healthier and more enjoyable place to live for children and families.

Madam Speaker, Judy Arnold is a force of energy and conviction. Her Twitter handle @JudyGetsItDone says it all. She leaves an indelible legacy as she retires, and I respectfully ask that you join me in expressing immense gratitude to Judy Arnold for her outspoken advocacy, unwavering commitment, and innumerable contributions to improving the quality of life for the Marin County community and extending to her best wishes on her next endeavors.

#### HONORING DR. LARRY R. HANDFIELD

#### HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 20, 2022*

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Larry R. Handfield for his stellar and philanthropic contributions to the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project.

Frederick Douglass once said, "it is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men." I thank Dr. Handfield so much for believing in our mission of interrupting the school to prison pipeline and to guiding our young boys along a cheerfully charted path and sending them to college. He is investing in the children of our community, and they will be the benefactors of his investment for generations to come. He will always be a part of us, and we will always be a part of him. I thank him for all that he does on behalf of our children.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Dr. Larry R. Handfield, a 2023 Role Model Wall Man with a generous philanthropic spirit, and I ask my colleagues from the 117th Congress to join me in honoring this special circle of brotherhood.

#### IN MEMORY OF REVEREND CARL ZERWECK, III

#### HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 20, 2022*

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the legacy of Reverend Carl Zerweck, a long-time resident of Detroit in Michigan's 13th District Strong.

Reverend Zerweck was a beloved and well-known member of the community. As founder

and executive director of nonprofit organization Rippling Hope, he led the way in helping residents in need with much-needed home repairs. Under Reverend Zerweck's leadership, Rippling Hope connected hundreds of residents to home repair professionals, coordinated volunteers to help make repairs, and connected with dozens of block clubs and neighborhood associations across the city. He led by example, helping work side by side with volunteers to help make repairs.

Reverend Carl Zerweck lived his life in selfless service to others. Beyond his work with Rippling Hope, Reverend Zerweck served as pastor to St. Paul's United Church of Christ-Disciples of Christ in Dearborn Heights. He started three Habitat for Humanity organizations and assisted in building more than 30 homes and 15 churches. He was also an avid volunteer with the Ferndale Cat Shelter, with whom he collaborated to bring pet food to those in need.

Please join me in recognizing Reverend Carl Zerweck's outstanding contributions to the communities of Detroit and Michigan's 13th District Strong as we honor his memory.

#### HOMETOWN HERO—GRACE GRAPEVINE

#### HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 20, 2022*

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an organization that has gone above and beyond to better our community in North Texas.

For the past 35 years, GRACE has served as a steward of God's blessings and resources by providing food, clothing, financial assistance, and other necessities to North Texans struggling with a limited income or recent emergency.

Through decades of support from our community, GRACE has grown to include programs providing low cost medical services, transitional housing, and general emergency assistance.

Without the compassion and selfless service demonstrated by GRACE, our community would undoubtedly be a different place altogether.

I would like to thank GRACE for putting others ahead of themselves and ensuring members of our community are taken care of.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. MARY SATTLER PELTOLA

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 20, 2022*

Mrs. PELTOLA. Madam Speaker, though I was present and attempted to vote, due to technical difficulties, my vote of "yea" for H.R. 1948 was not recorded.

Had my vote been recorded, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 530.

HONORING PASTOR CARL  
JOHNSON

**HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON**  
OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Tuesday, December 20, 2022*

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Pastor Carl Johnson for his stellar and philanthropic contributions to the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project.

Frederick Douglass once said, "it is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men." I thank Pastor Johnson so much for believing in our mission of interrupting the school to prison pipeline and to guiding our young boys along a cheerfully charted path and sending them to college. He is investing in the children of our community, and they will be the benefactors of his investment for generations to come. He will always be a part of us, and we will always be a part of him. I thank him for all the he does on behalf of our children.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Pastor Carl Johnson, a 2023 Role Model Wall Man with a, generous philanthropic spirit and I ask my colleagues from the 117th Congress to join me in honoring this special circle of brotherhood.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. STEVE COHEN**  
OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Tuesday, December 20, 2022*

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, on Thursday, December 15th, I was unable to vote on H.R. 1948, the VA Employee Fairness Act (Roll Call No. 530). I had to attend the investiture ceremony of the United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Court of Appeals, a Memphian I recommended. I am a cosponsor of this bill and would have voted yes had I been present.

#### RECOGNIZING BRITT VAN'S SERVICE TO THE NEW DEMOCRAT COALITION

**HON. SUZAN K. DELBENE**  
OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Tuesday, December 20, 2022*

Ms. DELBENE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of Britt Van and thank her for her contributions to the New Democrat Coalition. Britt, a dedicated and passionate staffer who served as the Coalition's Policy Director, departs New Dems this month after more than five and a half years with the Coalition.

Though she is leaving the New Dem team now, her impact on our Coalition will not soon be forgotten. Britt helped oversee the growth of the New Dem Coalition to its strong position now—a coalition of 98 Members who are focused on breaking through the gridlock in Washington to find innovative and small policies that help set Americans up for long-term success. I've had the privilege of chairing the Coalition during the 117th Congress and the great privilege of working with Britt for nearly six years.

Britt joined the New Dem staff in 2017, and over her career with the New Democrat Coalition, she has served under three chairs—Rep. JIM HIMES, DEREK KILMER, and myself. During her time with New Dems, she has helped shape the Coalition's policy work and deliver strong legislative accomplishments.

When the COVID-19 public health and economic twin crises hit, Britt got to work immediately on policies that would help the American people, and thanks to her tenacity and ingenuity, she helped secure critical New Dem priorities in the American Rescue Plan. She also ensured that New Dem priorities were reflected in the historic legislative packages that have passed in the 117th Congress, from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the CHIPS and Science Act to the Inflation Reduction Act.

As Policy Director, she helped strengthen the Coalition's relationships across the board; from Members to their staff, Britt is a trusted policy resource. This year, Britt worked to create the Inflation Working Group and then develop the Action Plan to Fight Inflation, which many Members used extensively. Britt has made invaluable contributions to our Members and the Coalition as a whole. Her policy insights, wisdom, and general love for everything New Dem cannot be overstated.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the Members of the New Democrat Coalition, I thank Britt and wish her the best of luck in the future.

#### HONORING DR. RICK HOLTON

**HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON**  
OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Tuesday, December 20, 2022*

Ms. WILSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Rick Holton for his stellar and philanthropic contributions to the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project.

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Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Dr. Rick Holton, a 2023 Role Model Wall Man with a generous philanthropic spirit and I ask my colleagues from the 117th Congress to join me in honoring this special circle of brotherhood.

#### RECOGNIZING NANCY SHOR

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**  
OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Tuesday, December 20, 2022*

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Nancy Shor in recognition of her receipt of the Silver Shingle Award from her alma mater, Boston University School of Law.

Ms. Shor graduated from Boston University School of Law in 1976 and was presented this

award by the Dean on December 7, 2022, in honor of her 40 years of Public Service on behalf of dis.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Nancy Shor's dedicated years of service and in expressing my gratitude for her continued commitment to service.

#### HOMETOWN HERO—ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**HON. BETH VAN DUYNE**  
OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Tuesday, December 20, 2022*

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize St. John the Apostle Catholic School in North Richland Hills, Texas, for being just one of seven private schools in the state to receive the 2022 Blue Ribbon School Award from the Department of Education.

Last week, St. John Catholic held its award ceremony to celebrate this well-deserved accolade. Looking at their exemplary students, teachers, and curriculum, it is no surprise they won this award for a second time.

National Blue Ribbon Schools officially recognized St. John Catholic for its diverse student population, outstanding outdoor program, and exceptional Institute for Excellence in Writing.

On behalf of our entire community, I would like to thank St. John Catholic for equipping the next generation of North Texans with the tools necessary to create a better future for North Texas and the entire country. I am excited to see what the incredible students of St. John Catholic will accomplish in the near future.

#### HONORING LEVITICUS GILLARD

**HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON**  
OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Tuesday, December 20, 2022*

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Leviticus Gillard for his stellar and philanthropic contributions to the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project.

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Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Leviticus Gillard, a 2023 Role Model Wall Man with a generous philanthropic spirit, and I ask my colleagues from the 117th Congress to join me in honoring this special circle of brotherhood.